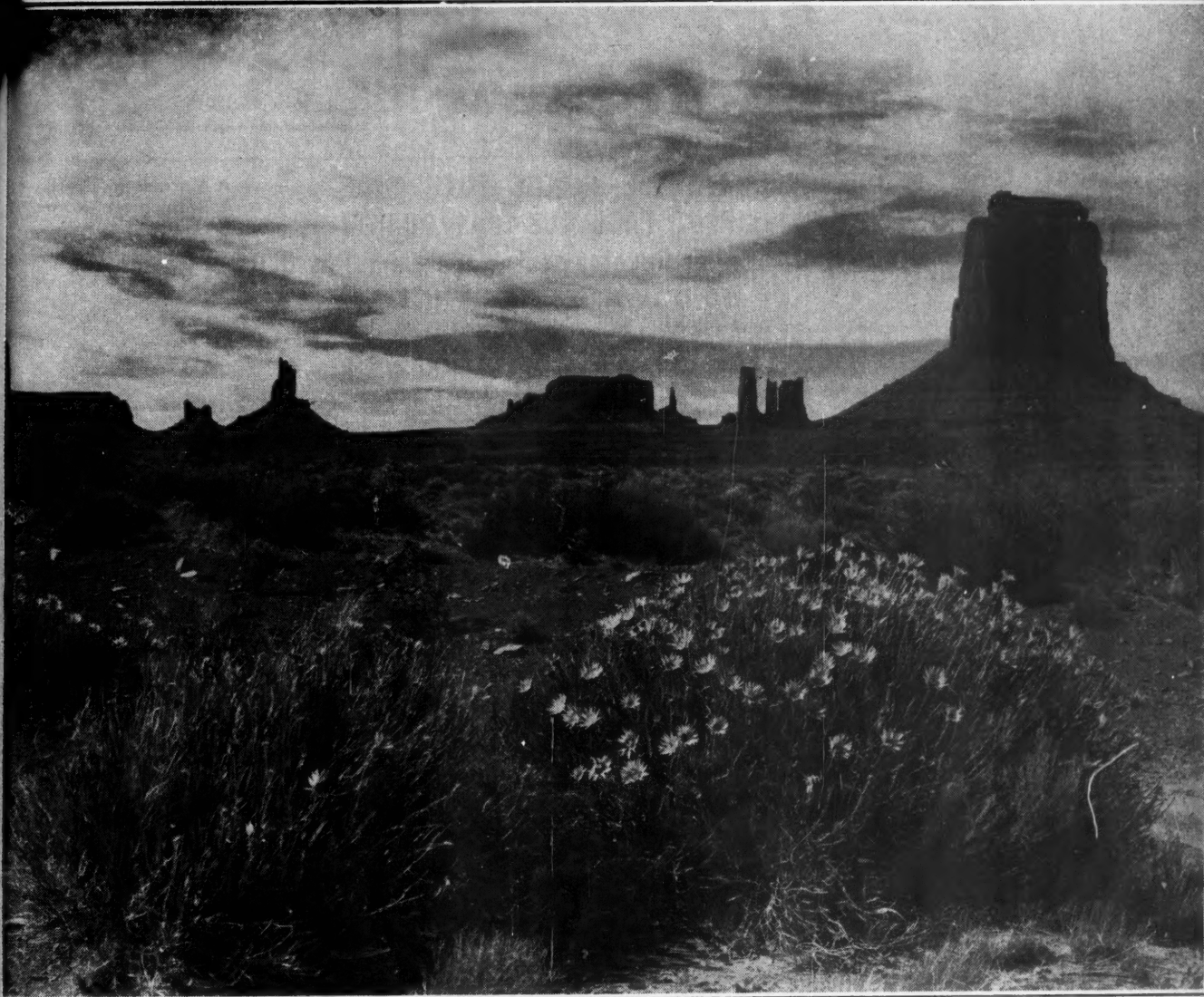


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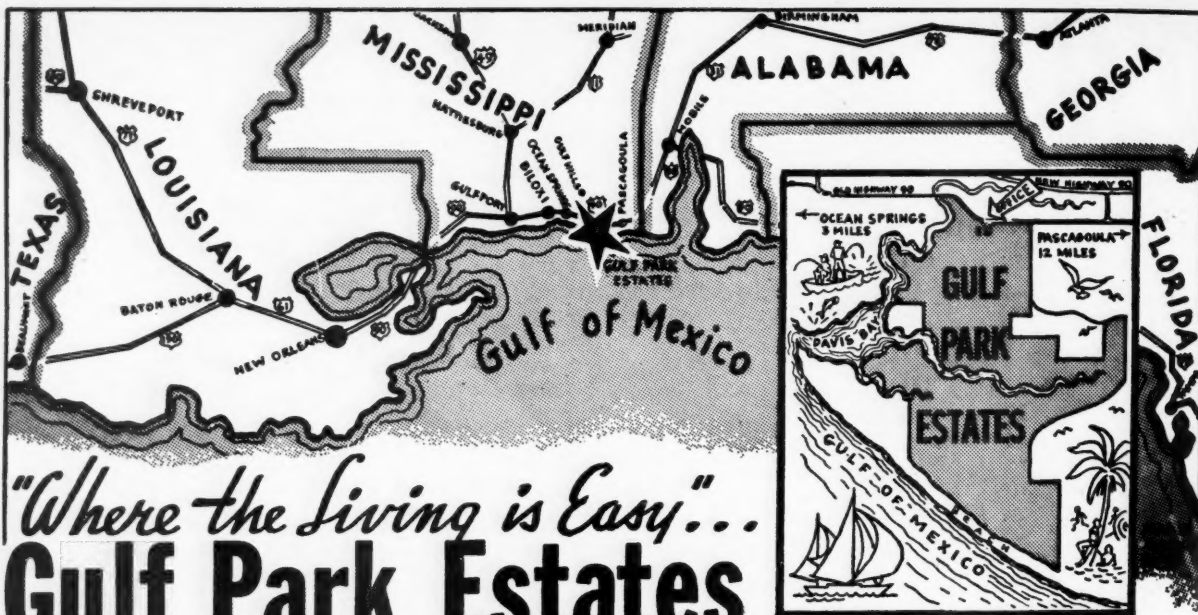
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From Our Readers

A Close Friend

To the Editor:

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C.C.
Mansfield, Ohio

Striking Articles

To the Editor:

The article in the January *Defender* on "Christ and Communism," by J. B. Matthews, is one of the most striking I have ever read.

E.E.
Lititz, Pa.

Likes Improvements

To the Editor:

There have been many improvements in *The Defender* in the past year. I have always enjoyed reading it. May God continue to greatly bless the work you are doing.

F.W.
Evansville, Ind.

From a Doctor

To the Editor:

The Defender is not one whit weaker than when Dr. Winrod was alive. You are doing a fine work. Have read *The Defender* for more than twenty years, and shall continue praying for you and the broadcasts.

R.E.W.
Muscatine, Iowa

From a Former Printer

To the Editor:

In regard to *The Defender* ... I think you are doing a marvelous job on it. I have worked around or in printing offices in my younger days, so know a little of the tremendous task it is to get together a magazine. Keep up the good work.

C.S.
Hemet, Calif.

World-wide Coverage

To the Editor:

Your magazine is unique in that it gives one a world-wide coverage of Christian work, as well as a home one.

J.C.
Graettinger, Iowa

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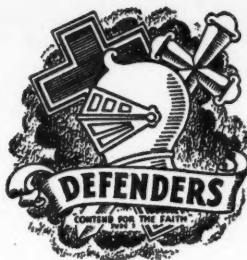
To the Editor:

I have been a reader and supporter of the views of *The Defender* for a great many years, and also wish to say that I feel that the present publication is equal, and even superior to any I have received in the past.

I am especially delighted by the article on page 32, "The Bible In Our Public Schools" (February *Defender*). I feel that a copy of this should be placed in the hands of every Principal and Superintendent of schools, and even the trustees and teachers.

Thanking you, and praying God's blessings upon you and *The Defender*, for your brave stand in time of apostasy, I am

N.E.G.
Upland, Ind.



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Scanning the Headlines

"The Defender Views the News"

Modern Trojan Horse

Using television as a medium, the brewing industry is now able to advertise its wares in homes where the word "beer" had never before been heard. This product is attractively presented on the screen in songs, in rhymes, in jingles, in commercials that, when judged technically, are unsurpassed.

Such commercials are designed to have universal appeal, to awaken in the very young a desire to try this alluring beverage. Adolescents see pictures of young folks, not much older than themselves — in fact, the very ones whom they try to emulate — preparing to have a glass or bottle.

If this kind of advertising does not make every viewer a patron — and, of course, it will not — the secondary effect is to breed tolerance.

What will be the long-term effect of this type of advertising? Exactly the result for which the brewers are striving, unless effective counter measures are used.

We have been living now with television advertising for more than a decade, during which time we have witnessed a boom in beer consumption. To date the opposition to the brewers has been sporadic.

The really effective means of securing change remain unused. The mass protest, written and verbal, and the judicious use of the ballot should all be used to register resentment against beer advertising.

A mass protest may be regional or general, depending upon the number of those protesting. During the early stages of World War II, in the Pacific Theater, Admiral Nimitz had but a few aircraft carriers, but he used these effectively by massing his total air strength from these carriers against one Japanese island base at a time.

A regional protest could be organized along the same lines by selecting a given metropolitan area and unitedly protesting to the stations there against certain beer-sponsored programs.

The advertising of beer on television has persisted largely because of the apathy of those who resent it. If such indifference continues, a steadily increasing amount of such advertising may be expected. Finally, custom, which has almost the force of law, will render effective protest largely impossible.

—Hy Young in "Listen"

Juvenile Delinquency

The Sheriff's office of Harris County, Texas, wherein is located the metropolis of Houston, recently caused to be published these twelve rules, to be handed to the parents of any young person who ran afoul of the law. The message is timely and should be shared with law enforcement officers across the nation, as well as parents of children of any age:

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up believing the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up "bad" words or "dirty" words, laugh at him. That will make him think he is "cute." He will run off and pick up some other words that will blow the top off your head.
3. Never give him any spiritual training until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself. By the same logic, never teach him the English language. Maybe when he is old enough he will want to speak Bantu.
4. Praise him in his presence to all the neighbors; show how much smarter he is than their children.
5. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop in the child a "guilt complex." This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for stealing cars or assaulting women, society is "against him" and that he is being "persecuted."
6. Pick up everything after him: his shoes, his books, his clothes. Do everything for him, so that he will be experienced in throwing burdens on others.
7. Let him read anything he wants. Have no concern whatever for what goes into his mind. Provide him with lily cups for his lips, but let his brain drink out of any dirty container for words and ideas.
8. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will be prepared for broken homes later on.
9. Give him all the spending money he wants; never let him earn his own.
10. Satisfy every craving of the child for food, drinks, and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch, gratifying every sensual desire.
11. Take his part against policemen, teachers and neighbors. They are all "prejudiced" against your child.
12. When he gets into real trouble, always defend yourself and say: "I never could do anything with him."

Charity Begins At Home

Since World War II ended, Uncle Sam has scattered billions of dollars around the world to friendly nations, or rather to supposedly friendly nations.



There is evidence that, in some cases, this has paid off, two outstanding examples being Western Europe and Japan. However, while the billions of dollars we gave these nations has been a factor in creating the prosperity they now enjoy, most of the credit must go to those nations themselves — they lifted themselves by their own bootstraps.

Our greatest contribution, greater than the dollars given by Uncle Sam, has been the advice given that they should protect property rights, avoid backbreaking taxes and keep labor's demands reasonable. They took the advice and developed an economic climate that has brought them almost incredible prosperity.

Which leads us to wonder why Uncle Sam doesn't begin to take some of the medicine he prescribes for strangers. Isn't it high time that we ourselves begin to take some of this advice? We have back-breaking taxes, labor has gotten out of bounds with its demands and we have grown careless about protecting our own property rights.

The Defender

Congress might do well to quit worrying about big business units and tone down its efforts to break them up. It should concern itself, rather, about protecting our American industry so that it can compete successfully in a whole world of competition. Our world leadership hinges on such competition.

It's nice of us to peddle our money and advice abroad, but it's still true that charity begins at home.

Smoking and Motherhood

Dr. Winea Simpson, writing in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, maintains that if an expectant mother smokes, she is twice as likely to give birth to a premature baby.

The rate of premature births at private hospitals, she says, increased with the number of cigarettes smoked per day. The highest prematurity rates were for heavy smokers and the lowest for nonsmokers.

In the public hospital, with undernourished, overworked patients, the prematurity rate for nonsmokers was relatively higher than for the private hospitals and there was less difference between the prematurity rate for smokers and nonsmokers.

Dr. F. Marrott Sinex, a Boston University Biochemist, in a statement published the same day, maintains there is a chemical in cigarette smoke which may make smokers age faster and die sooner.

This chemical, known as acetaldehyde, makes animal tendons stiffen in a process such as tanning of shoe leather. By inference, at least, it could stiffen and tan vital human tissues, including lungs, arteries, and other body materials, Dr. Sinex said. This report was presented to the American Chemical Society's national meeting by the learned doctor, at the conclusion of a detailed study which he had recently completed.

"Every heavy smoker will develop lung cancer — unless heart disease or some other sickness claims him first," is the grim prediction of Dr. Alton Ochsner, world-famed chest surgeon. That statement packs quite a wallop — especially when followed by the statistic that of 100 persons who develop lung cancer, only five will be alive five years from now!

Lung cancer's death toll in the United States rose from 2500 in 1930 to an estimated 35-thousand in 1958. Significantly, cigarette sales for the same period rose in almost an identical proportion. Those interested in learning more on the subject of tobacco and its relation to lung cancer should refer to an article which appeared in the March (1959) issue of *Reader's Digest*, "The Growing Horror of Lung Cancer."

The above reports are just three more reasons why it is foolish for human beings to desecrate their bodies by indulging in the luxury of smoking tobacco. Yet it seems that, in spite of all the information placed at their disposal, the gullible public keeps right on smoking.

When asked for a reason, the average man on the street doesn't know why he smokes. Some say it calms their nerves, some say it helps keep their weight down, while others don't have any particular reason . . . unless it's because they don't want to appear to be out of step with the rest of their friends.

The latest advertising as put out by the various tobacco empires would have it appear that the nonsmoker is a freak, a rarity. They emphasize the fact that "everybody's doing it."

There is none so blind as those who will not see. And the average smoker is thoroughly blinded by his own tobacco clouds!

May 1959



Christian Mothers

Just a woman in a home, you may casually remark. But there is far more to that little lady than can be summed up in one hasty perusal.

Her life may appear monotonous, full of drudgery, and a thousand and one little annoyances, but she would not have it any other way! She can sweep and sew and mend and cook hour upon hour, her hands ever busy . . . but her tasks are far from menial.

Ten years of the life of a child, yea more, lie in the heart of a mother. And even before that little one was trusted to her tender care, she spent many a quiet evening, years in advance, wondering, planning and praying. All the remaining days of her life will be colored by the touches of those mother years.

Human nature never comes so near the divine as when a mother pours out the full flood of her thought and fancy and love to the little unheeding, and to her, as yet, useless child.

Where else is she so beautiful as when she sits in the center of this mystic circle, as when she sings to her babe or gazes silently as it feeds upon her bosom?

The stars have nothing so bright, and the heavens scarcely anything more pure and more lovely, than the heavenly love service of a mother to her little one, helpless and unfashioned.

Every child is a bundle of tremendous possibilities; and whether the child shall come forth to life, its heart attuned to the eternal harmonies, and after a life of usefulness on earth go to a life of joy in Heaven, or whether it shall jar eternal discord, and after a life of wrong-doing on earth, it shall go to a home of impenetrable darkness and an abyss of immeasurable plunge, is being decided by nursery song and Bible lesson, and evening prayer, and walk, and ride, and look, and frown and smile.

So vital are the issues of motherhood; so beautiful its ministries and so far-reaching the investments that without question motherhood is society's greatest career.



DR. BILLY JAMES HARGIS

A CRUSADER For God and Country



L. E. WHITE, JR.
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Editor's Note: Mr. White is editor of Christian Crusade Magazine and is also Radio Director of Dr. Hargis' international radio network.

ONE NIGHT in the spring of 1953, a young man knelt alone in a strange city in a foreign land, thousands of miles from home. Weary, from day after day of seemingly fruitless effort, he prayed to God for guidance.

As if in answer to his prayer, he opened his Bible to the sixteenth chapter of Romans ... "and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

This man was Billy James Hargis, a minister of God and founder of the Christian Crusade International Ministry who, in 1950, left his pastorate in a small Oklahoma town, choosing to fight the immoral tide of godless Communism with the weapon of truth and the redeeming principles of Christianity.

What had brought this man all the way from the American Southwest to Nurnberg, Germany? It was the beginning of one of the most unusual sagas in Christian history ... the launching of gas-filled balloons, carrying portions of the Bible to people deprived of the word of God in the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The idea for floating portions of the Bible originated at a regional convention of the International Council of Christian Churches in Scotland late in 1952. Refugees fleeing from Communist-held countries had testified of the

critical shortage of the Scriptures behind the Iron Curtain.

Knowing of his outspoken opposition to Communism, the Convention appointed the Tulsa evangelist chairman of the project, a task which fired the imagination of the dedicated crusader.

Here was a way to fight Communism on its own ground ... the only way Communism could be fought — with the truth of the words of God. Billy James Hargis accepted the appointment and went to Europe to supervise the actual preparation and launching of the balloons.

A Test of Faith

From the time of his arrival in Germany, he was met by troubles, shortage of funds, beset by an almost insurmountable language barrier, and a completely uncooperative State Department in Occupied Germany.

Day after day he had gone from one American official to another, seeking permission to proceed with the project. Two ministers had come to his aid in other phases of the launching.

Dr. Gertrude Wasserzug, 70 year old president of Bibleheim School in Swit-

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zerland, had supervised the translation of the Bible portions and used her knowledge in helping to deal with both German and American authorities.

Rev. Ernest Schmidt and members of his Nurnberg Lutheran Church had volunteered to help in the actual launching.

The Bible Scriptures were printed, the volunteer Christians stood ready to proceed ... and still there was delay from official State headquarters. This is how things stood on that spring night in Nurnberg, Germany, when a very tired young man prayed to God.

From the moment Billy James Hargis read the Scripture from Romans there was, he says, "never a doubt in my mind but that the project would be completed ... the Bibles would float."

The Tulsa evangelist then turned to the people ... the average Christian. Calling newsmen together in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, he explained the project ... its importance ... the delay. The next day, the story hit the headlines of newspapers throughout America.

With the public aware of the Bible Balloon Project — clearance was suddenly received. On May 7, 1953, the group of German Christian volunteers watched as the first of the gas-filled balloons carrying their Holy Messages of Faith rose silently.

Another blow at Communistic tyranny had been struck!

The Hungarian Revolt

The Bible Balloon project, which was begun despite disappointments and delays, continued for six years, with a total of over 1,250,000 Scripture portions, in seven foreign languages, being sent behind the Iron Curtain by Hargis' organization.

The success of the project can best be told in two ways ... First, Communist reaction was immediate.

Border guards were given orders to shoot the balloons down and confiscate the Bible portions. Threats were made against the refugees who helped with the program.

Strong protests were voiced from Red officials in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Then, on November 11, 1956, a Communist envoy under fire for the shocking blood bath in Hungary, bitterly complained that the Hungarian revolt re-

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sulted from American dollars, "and propaganda, such as leaflets and booklets floated into Hungary by gas-filled balloons".

The second (and real) triumph of the project was when a Hungarian refugee, now in the United States, asked to see the "men who sent the Word of God by balloon to my people in Hungary before the revolution"; then, in a dramatic gesture, he ripped open the lining from his coat jacket, revealing five portions of the Bible which had landed on the streets of Budapest preceding the rebellion in 1956, which he had sewn into his jacket.

Why did this young pastor decide to leave a successful pastorate in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and devote his entire life to an all-out fight against Communism?

What compelled him to travel the road of trials and heartaches that an outspoken crusader must face?

Dr. Hargis answered these questions himself when he said, "I was suddenly aware of a growing discontent with the trend I saw in organized religion. There seemed to be a de-emphasis on Christ, a letting down of religious standards and even, in some cases, a downright denial of basic Christian truth.

"Liberalism seemed to have taken over with a sort of 'social gospel' ... then it flashed upon me that this was Communism actively using religion to further its aims in our own country."

Birth of a Crusade

From this belief, came the beginning of the Christian Crusade movement ... an interdenominational organization spanning the United States and countries throughout the world, dedicated to spreading the truth about the "isms" which threaten to submerge our Christian principles.

There was nothing in Dr. Hargis' past to give a clue that he would some day make the battle against Communism his personal fight.

He was born in the little town of Texarkana, Texas in 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hargis, growing up in a home of modest means during the hard years of the depression.

In an open letter to his mother, written in 1957, he expressed his humble gratitude for his Christian upbringing: "It was at your knees that I learned faith in God ... if I have any courage to face my job in life ... if I have any strength to bear up under the responsibilities God has entrusted me with ... it is because of you".

After graduation from high school, Billy James Hargis enrolled at Ozark

Bible College in Bentonville, Arkansas. Ordained a minister of the Disciples of Christ, he served at two churches, one in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, the other in Granby, Missouri, before accepting the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Sapulpa.

At twenty-one, he became the youngest and highest paid minister in the history of that church. During his three and one-half years as its minister, the church grew from 500 to 1000 members.

It was during this pastorate that Billy James Hargis began to search for the answer to the problem which had been tugging at him. He had become increasingly aware that there was something he must do in God's service ... something other than what he was now doing.

He searched his heart and prayed for Divine help. In October of 1948, he decided that — as he so simply puts it — "I would devote my energies and my life to fighting the sinister forces of Communism in our land and throughout the world".

Publishing and Radio Activities

Realizing that the printed word was important in spreading the message of his chosen work, he began publishing a small magazine with the purpose of fighting apostasy, liberalism, modernism and Communism, at home and abroad. The first step in the spread of the Crusade movement had been taken.

The eight page sheet, begun in Sapulpa while Hargis was still a minister there, has grown, through the contributions of Christian Americans, until today this monthly magazine, Christian Crusade, has a circulation in excess of 45-thousand. Its subscription list includes people living in every state of the Union and on every Continent of the free world.

A year later, in September 1949, Billy James Hargis turned to another facet of communication to widen the scope of the movement. He made his first Christian Crusade broadcast from a Tulsa, Oklahoma radio station.

In ten years, that broadcast has mushroomed into a radio ministry reaching forty-three states in the United States and Mexico carrying, daily, weekly, or in many instances, both daily and weekly Christian Crusade broadcasts.

With Christian Crusade under way, Hargis resigned as minister of the First Christian Church of Sapulpa in 1950 in order to devote his full time to his anti-Communist evangelistic activities, and to the work of his non-profit, non-sectarian Christian organization.

In 1957 Dr. Hargis toured nations all

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located in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, bestowed a Doctor of Divinity degree upon Dr. Hargis in 1954, and in 1958, after intensive study and months spent in writing his thesis, he was awarded his Bachelor of Theology degree from Burton College and Seminary, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Previously, he had been awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree from this same institution.

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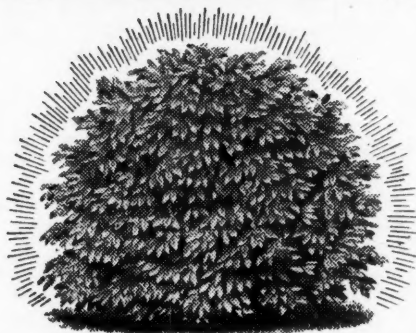
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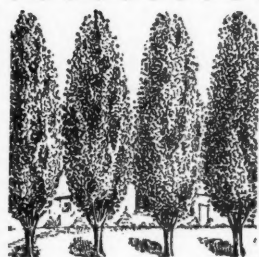
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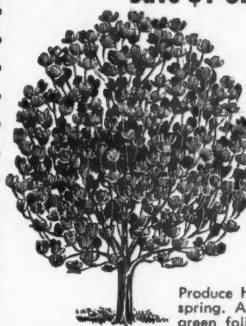
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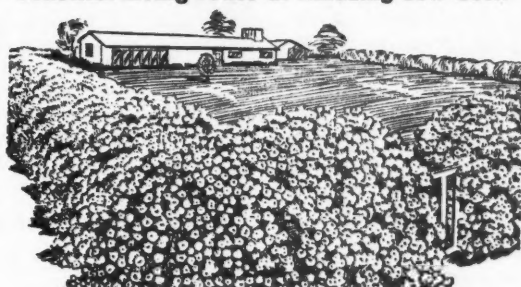
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The mother of John Newton, the hymn writer, prayed for him, and it must have been before he was seven years of age, for he lost her by death at that early period of life. But he himself tells us that he never forgot those prayers.

He grew up to be a wicked man; a blasphemer and a "man stealer" — a kidnaper of slaves from Africa. In a terrible storm at sea, when every man was required to work the ship, he was missed from deck. A sailor was sent below to find him, and he found him on his knees, and heard him say, "O thou God of my dead mother, have mercy on my soul!" And his prayer was answered.

The *Defender* Staff would like to take time out to honor the mother of Gerald B. Winrod, the person who, more than anyone else, exerted a righteous influence on him. Mrs. Mable Winrod celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday on April 8th of this year.

A firm believer in the power of prayer, she has lived to see God work many miracles, not only in her own life, but in those near and dear to her.

From the time Dr. Winrod first dedicated his life to God as a young boy, on up through his early ministry, through his evangelistic years and during the trials and persecution that followed, she clothed him with her daily prayers.

The Influence of a Mother's Prayer

A devoted student of the Bible, she spends many hours reading the Scriptures and praying for the needs of those far and wide. An early riser, she begins each day in communion with her Heavenly Father, after which she turns to her Bible for spiritual food for the day.

A Tower of Strength

"Mother" Winrod, as she is affectionately known, is a tower of strength. No problem is too great, for she knows her God is able.

Friends come to her, ruffled, agitated, concerned, perplexed and distracted. After pouring their hearts out to Mother Winrod, they retire calmly, with peace of mind and heart.

In her own inimitable manner she divulges to them her secret of inner strength through a closer walk with God by way of daily prayer and Bible study.

Dr. Winrod depended much on his mother. It was his habit for years to always pause by her home for a time of prayer before coming to the office (Mother Winrod resides only a stone's throw from *Defender* Headquarters).

At noon time he would slip away for a simple warm meal which she prepared for him. Then they would discuss and pray over various matters weighing on his heart at the time. After a short ten or fifteen minute nap, he would return to the office refreshed, ready to devote several more hours to the Cause he loved so dearly.

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At the time of his passing, she displayed remarkable fortitude and courage.

Death casts a heavy shadow over those who are left behind, and only the children of God can be comforted by the thought that this is not the end. In spite of such solace, the thought of going on without a loved one causes much grief and heartache.

Steadfastness of Job

Dr. Winrod passed away at 9:25 on the evening of November 11, 1957 ... a Monday. Mrs. Flowers and Mr. Carney of the *Defender* Staff were immediately notified. They went to his home and offered what help and comfort they could to the family.

His daughter Geraldine, knowing of the close bond which existed between her father and grandmother, advised Mother Winrod by telephone of his passing. "Grandma," she said, "Dad's gone."

Mother Winrod spoke up without so much as a quiver in her voice. "Now, honey, that's all right. It's God's will."

Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Flowers and Mr. Carney went to her home to make sure she was all right. She met them at the door, embraced them both, then began to reminisce about "Gerald" (as she affectionately spoke of him).

God had given him to her for fifty-seven years, and He had seen fit to take him away now. Who was she to question His wisdom? Thus did she accept the situation, exactly as did Job of old.

Mother Winrod has always had a vital interest in the work of the *Defenders* organization. She saw it come into existence many years ago and has made it a subject of her daily prayers ever since.

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, she is now seventy-nine years of age. But her active life belies her years.

She shares her home with another elderly Christian lady, doing her housework, going to the market frequently, drives her own Ford, takes a few side trips, does her own shopping and invests most of her waking hours in making the load just a little easier for those with whom she daily comes in contact.

God has seen fit to bless her with good health, zeal, courage, foresight and knowledge which few people of her age possess. She has been faithful in her role as wife, mother and grandmother, and is even now looking forward to many more years of service in the cause of Christ, Whom she has found to be all sufficient.

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THE APOSTLE PETER is a very illuminating example of what Christ can do for a life wholly dedicated to Him. His epistles are distinguished for their great tenderness of manner, and for bringing forward prominently the most consolatory parts of the gospel.

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First of all, he was a conceited man, (Matthew 26:33): "Peter declared to Him, Though they all are offended and stumble and fall away because of You and distrust and desert You, I will never do so".

There is no room for conceit in the hearts of those who have a sincere desire to be effective witnesses for Christ.

Second, he did not take his discipleship seriously. The full import of Christ's mission, and his part in same, did not register on him, (Matthew 26:40):

"And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, What! Are you so utterly unable to stay awake and watch with Me for one hour?"

Third, he was rash in his actions, a man of impulse. He "leaped before he looked"! It was his custom to perform

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an act without thinking through as to the seriousness of the deed, (John 18:10-11):

"Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Therefore, Jesus said to Peter, Put the sword [back] into the sheath! The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

Fourth, he was more concerned for

his own safety than that of his Master's. We are told that he "followed afar off", (Matthew 26:58):

"But Peter followed Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest's home; he even went inside and sat with the guards to see the end."

When a showdown came, he was not willing to stand up and be counted, but preferred instead to mingle with his Lord's enemies, and be considered one of them.

Evil Companions

Fifth, he consorted with evil companions. The Christian may be of the world, yet by his way of life and testimony, he stands apart.

By his example, manner of speech and sound moral character, those who come in daily contact with him know he is of God. Peter was deceitful in this respect for we read in John 18:18 that:

"Now the servants and the guards (the attendants) had made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. And Peter was with them, standing and warming himself."

Sixth, he was a ready liar. There are times when it may seem propitious to tell an untruth, to perhaps indulge in a "white lie", but there is always a day of reckoning when we must face facts.

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Peter learned his lesson only too well. John 18:25 records his infamy:

"But Simon Peter [still] was standing and was warming himself. They said to him, You are not also one of His disciples, are you? He denied and said, I am not!"

Seventh, he was a blasphemer. No person who claims to be a follower of Christ should ever be guilty of abusive and vile language. Yet we find a very bad situation as recorded concerning Peter in Mark 14:70-71:

"But again he denied it falsely and disowned Him. And after a short while again the bystanders said to Peter, Really you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and your dialect shows it. Then he commenced invoking a curse on himself [if he were not telling the truth] and to swear, I do not know the Man about Whom you are talking!"

These seven steps in the fall of Peter ... Conceit, Ease, Rashness, Following afar off, Evil associations, Open denial and Blasphemy ... paint a vivid picture, an unpleasant portrait of a weak, vacillating individual, without chart or compass.

The Day of Pentecost

Notice, this was Peter before the advent of the Holy Spirit. After His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers and promised them that "You shall receive power — ability, efficiency and might — when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends — the very bounds — of the earth".

When this event took place, the change in the character of Peter was immediately noticeable.

He stood up before all those gathered on that memorable day "And [Peter] solemnly and earnestly witnessed (testified) and admonished (exhorted) with much more continuous speaking and warned (reproved, advised, encouraged) them, saying, Be saved from this crooked (perverse, wicked, unjust) generation".

He became courageous, immovable, a veritable rock. After years of suffering and trial, he felt compelled to pen his epistles. Writing to those who were afflicted, he could sympathize fully with them.

He was now an elderly man, expecting soon to be with his Saviour. He was nearly done with the conflicts and toils of life, and it was natural that he should direct his eye onward, and should dwell on those things in the gospel which were adapted to support and comfort the soul.

As a result, there is scarcely any part of the New Testament where the ripe and mellow Christian will find more that is adapted to his matured feelings, or to which he will more naturally turn, than the Epistles of Peter.

Now let us consider the verse at hand ... "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

First, let us set the record straight as to who the persons are to whom this exhortation is addressed.

Peter is writing to those "who are born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever". The early Christians who were first privileged to hear the words of the Big Fisherman, must have rejoiced.

They were threatened with persecution and divers trials; they were liable to be dragged before the heathen tribunals; they could expect to be reproached for the name of Christ, and would become partakers with Him in His sufferings. Indeed, the very fact of their being Christians was regarded as a crime.

Peter felt it only fair to warn them of the ensuing dangers, and to encourage and confirm them in the faith. Hence his epistles.

Casting

The apostle uses graphic language. He does not advise the followers of Jesus to merely lay their burdens down ... but to cast them.

A hasty consultation of the dictionary will advise the reader that to cast means "to throw or fling with a quick motion and sudden release".

What an energetic word! Christ wants us to cast our load upon Him, be done with it. And yet, casting is not an easy thing; effort will be required.

It is a simple matter to pick up a pebble and deposit or lay it deliberately on a mound of stones. But to cast or throw this same rock is another thing!

Here is a work of faith. You will have to lift your burden, with all your soul, before it can be shifted to Christ. Bear in mind, though, that this effort will not be half so exhausting as the strain of carrying the load yourself.

The hesitant soul may at first doubt the veracity of Peter's promise. Surely the apostle is indulging in wishful thinking!

Will God really take my burden and relieve me of my anxieties and cares? Will such greatness stoop to such little-

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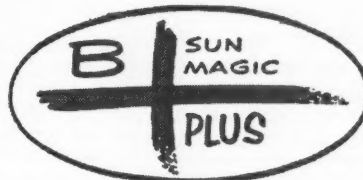
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ness? Will such holiness come down to such vileness?

Yes, my friend, God readily answers your doubts in the affirmative, for condescension is one of His characteristics, a mark of greatness.

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Why should you be concerned for yourself, since God cares for you? What a thought to carry through this vale of tears, and to take with you through the deeper valley of death.

God cares for me! Some Christians, overcome with self pity, feel that no one is interested in them ... but God is. Isn't that enough!

A small tradesman had a case coming on in the county court, on which, for him, everything depended. A decision given against him would mean ruin. Worrying over it day and night, he had become thin, looked haggard, lost appetite and sleep.

One day there came to his shop an acquaintance of his boyhood, whom he had not seen for years. This friend was much distressed at his appearance, and said, "Why, whatever is the matter with you? I am sure you must have some grave anxiety weighing on your mind".

The tradesman poured out to his friend all the story of his troubles who, in reply said, "Don't you worry any more. I am a lawyer, and practice at the courts, and have handled many cases like this. I see where the point of difficulty in your case is and have no doubt that we shall be able to get you through all right. Just trust the matter entirely to me, and all will be well".

What a relief that tradesman felt! He had lost his burden, for he had cast it on his friend.

All

Notice the vastness of Peter's promise to the Christian. He doesn't say



FIRST PETER 5:7

There never has been, nor can be, an entirely adequate translation of the New Testament from the original Greek. No matter how perfectly done the work of the translators may be, the difficulties involved in expressing the ideas bound up in one Greek word or phrase in an equivalent English word or phrase are often insurmountable.

In some cases the translator finds himself confronted with a Greek term that combines the thought of a number of English words, each of which conveys some shade of meaning not to be found in the others. His only choice is to select the most fitting of these expressions and omit the others.

In this way the reader is deprived of much that would clarify the meaning of the text if he only knew it, and it often leaves him with only a vague understanding of what would otherwise be delightfully clear.

To illustrate, take the Scripture verse under discussion in the accompanying article, 1 Peter 5:7. Reproduced below are twelve translations of the same text, only two of which are exactly identical ... the King James and John Wesley versions.

Note especially the Amplified New Testament rendition. This particular translation is designed to overcome much of the existing deficiency discussed above by furnishing in one volume, and as the Greek text legitimately permits, multiple expressions for a richer, fuller and more revealing appreciation of the divine message.

The Amplified New Testament is not a substitute for other versions. It is intended to supplement them, authentically, concisely and in convenient form.

American Standard Version

Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.

Amplified New Testament

Casting the whole of your care — all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all — on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully.

Berkley Version

Throw all your anxiety onto Him, for His concern is about you.

Goodspeed Translation

Throw all your anxiety upon him, for he cares for you.

King James Version

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Lamsa (Peshitta) Translation

Casting all your cares upon God, for he cares for you.

Moffatt Translation

Let all your anxieties fall upon him, for his great interest is in you.

Phillips' Translation

You can throw the whole of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.

Revised Standard Version

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

John Wesley's Translation

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Weymouth's Translation

Throw the whole of your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

Williams' Translation

Cast every worry you have upon Him, because He cares for you.

cast *some* of your care or a *few* of your cares, but cast *all* your care on Him. And the dictionary tells us that all means the whole number or sum of anything. What more could we ask?

You might well reply, "It's very easy to advise us to cast all our care upon God, but just how do you go about such an undertaking?"

Two things need to be done. It is a

heavy load that is to be cast upon God, requiring the hand of prayer, and the arm of faith, to make the transfer.

Prayer tells God what the care is, and asks His help, while faith believes that the Heavenly Father can and will do what He has promised.

When you have thus lifted your care into its true position and cast it upon God, take heed that you do not pick it up again.

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This verse contains not only a promise, but is in actuality also a command. God expects trust from His children. People learn much from our conduct. What do they think if they see us fretting and laden down with worries and anxieties? Will this not cause them to doubt God also?

Remember, He sent His Son to us, because He cared. Will He not also see that our other needs are fulfilled?

He has called us to be His sons. Will He then let us, as His children, suffer from starvation? He is preparing for us at this very moment mansions in glory. Will He not enable us to bear the burdens of this present life? Cast all your anxieties on Him.

"In the summer of 1878," wrote a noted evangelist of the last generation, "I descended the Righi with one of the most faithful of the old Swiss guides. Beyond the service of the day he gave me, unconsciously, a lesson for life.

"His first care," he continued, "was to put my wraps and other burdens upon his shoulders. In doing this, he asked for all; but I chose to keep back a few for special care.

"I soon found them no little hindrance to the freedom of my movement; but still I would not give them up until my guide, returning to me where I sat resting for a moment, kindly but firmly demanded that I should give him everything but my Alpine stock.

"Putting them with the utmost care upon his shoulders, with a look of intense satisfaction he again led the way. And now, in my freedom I found I could make double speed with extra safety.

"Then a voice spoke inwardly: 'O foolish, wilful heart, hast thou, indeed, given up thy last burden? Thou hast no need to carry them, nor even the right'.

"I saw it all in a flash, and then as I leaped lightly from rock to rock down the steep mountainside, I said within myself, 'And even thus will I follow Jesus, my Guide, my Burden-bearer. I will rest all my care upon Him, for He careth for me'."

Care

Webster's dictionary tells us that care is "suffering of mind; grief; sorrow. Trouble caused by onerous duties; anxiety; concern; solicitude." From the Christian viewpoint perhaps a better definition would be:

"A lack of faith in God proportioned to the amount of care which we refuse to cast on Him; an excess of self-

confidence proportioned to the amount which we insist on bearing ourselves."

It is a blessed privilege to be able to share our concerns, our worries, our daily problems with a close friend, in whom we have confidence. Just to be able to transfer the knowledge to another understanding mind is a balm.

With much greater reason may we expect such a result to follow if we look to the Heavenly Father in heaven, recounting to Him the cause of our dread, and seek from Him the needed succour.

Two thousand years ago the learned men of Greece and Rome debated the question of what to do with their cares.

Some of them thought that the remedy was to banish from their minds all thought of future trouble, and to enjoy the pleasures of the passing moment as long as they were capable of enjoying them.

But what a pagan doctrine that is. It tells a man to enjoy life while he can; but it has no word to say to those who are under the cloud of trouble, and are enjoying it no more.

There was another school of those ancient moralists who tried to remedy that defect.

They taught that poverty and wealth are mere accidents of life. If a man becomes poor, the man himself, in his own true nature, is no worse; and if he becomes rich, he is no better. So it is with sickness and health, they claimed. These curses are the mere accidents or appendages of life. Man himself is greater than they. The true wisdom of life, therefore, is to be indifferent to them.

That doctrine is very much like Dr. Johnson's cure for toothache. He recommended we treat a throbbing irritated molar with contempt — a very good cure if you are not suffering from a toothache!

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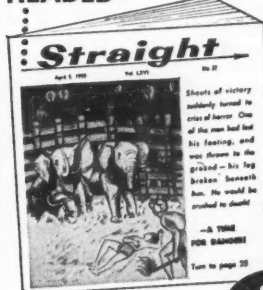
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grinding is to the machine that is not oiled. In human life, trust is the oil. Confidence in God is that which lubricates our beings.

There once lived an old woman who was very poor and wretched. Sickness and poverty, together with senility, had made her as wrinkled and soured as she could be.

Everyone had heard her long tale of troubles over and over again, and she made the most of them, as folks generally do, and invariably ended with a doleful moan, "I'm old, and alone, and poor, and I've got nobody in all the world to give me a bit of care".

One day she came hurrying up the street as fast as her stiff joints would carry her. Her face seemed to have lost half its wrinkles, and her eyes actually shone with delight.

"What can have happened?" thought everyone as she came near. We all soon knew.

"Bless ye," she cried, "I've got a letter from my boy in California — and I thought he was dead years gone by. He's doing well, and he says I musn't fret, for he'll care for me as long as I live". She had lost her care — somebody cared for her!

On Him

A few paragraphs ago I mentioned the privilege of sharing our burdens with earthly friends. Some of us abuse this opportunity. We tell our griefs perhaps merely to gain sympathy.

It is far nobler for the child of God to make his requests known unto God. He never fails. Some how, those who beg only of God are wondrously sustained, where our earthly friends, even though they may mean well, sometimes are unsuccessful in being of service to us.

There are some individuals who, rather than rely on a friend, or even God Himself, would rather trust in themselves for their safety and success. They are misguided in feeling that their own wisdom, talents or exertions are sufficient. How foolish and arrogant.

They need to learn the lesson David taught us years ago when he sang, "Happy is he who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God".

Careth

This care is entirely different from the word used in the earlier part of the verse. The former word spoke of anxiety, worry, concern . . . while in this instance it means simply attention.

Anxiety is an evil; attention is an advantage.

Given a little more or less atmospheric pressure, a little more or less of God's holding, which men have dared to refer to as gravity, a few more or less degrees of heat, a variation from God's physical laws by so much as a fraction of a degree in direction or of a single mile a year in velocity, and wreck and ruin would result.

He cares for us, and cradles us carefully, and fans us with pleasant breezes, and feasts us with delicacies and wafts pleasant odors to us, and makes us glad with beauty and a thousand joys. We are His children.

Not a mountain is too high, not a river too swift, not a plain too arid, not a wind too penetrating; for our Father made it so.

Not a ray of light, or a flake of snow, or a crystal of frost, or a degree of heat from all eternity, but it hath been His messenger to our race. Not a bird's song, not a blossom or fruitage, not a blade of grass but it tells God's care.

His care embraceth the smallest atom and the mightiest globe. "He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down."

All the changes in the atmosphere are with Him. "He covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth."

The sea is under His care. "Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them."

He careth for vegetable existence. "He causeth grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man. He sendeth for His spirit, and reneweth the face of the earth."

He careth for irrational creatures. "He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry."

He feedeth the fowls of the air. Most assuredly, then, He careth for man, His intelligent offspring. He careth for you; the race, the nation, the family, the individual; and especially for you.

Does the artist, who has exerted his genius to the utmost in the production of that which he considers his masterpiece, watch over it with care? That which he produced, is he not anxious to preserve?

Then how much more our Heavenly Father as He tenderly observes our going out and coming in.

Friend, have you a care, have you a worry, have you an anxiety, have you a concern? Then do as Peter advises and cast "all your care upon him; for he careth for you".

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The Power Of Citizenship

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WHEN THE STATE of Wyoming approved the "Proposed 23rd Amendment" on February 20, 1959, the formal procedure designed to outlaw the practices of socialism and restore the basic concepts of economic liberty was initiated.

The "Proposed 23rd Amendment" is before several legislative bodies at the present time, undergoing careful study. Wyoming was the first to act, thus leading the parade of States seeking to solve the financial problems of state and federal governments.

Identified in the Wyoming Legislature as H. J. Resolution No. 4, the proposed amendment provides that:

Sec. 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

Sec. 4. Congress shall not levy taxes on personal incomes, estates and/or gifts.

This provides nothing which was not the clear intent of the Constitution our Founding Fathers gave to us.

Our problem in recent years arises from the evasion of those constitutional principles by federal agencies which built and expanded a series of corporate activities operating on an interest free, cost free, rent free and tax free basis.

These bureaucratic empires have taken over forty per cent of the land area and twenty per cent of the industrial capacity of the nation without any constitutional authority for doing so.



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Concern regarding this condition has caused considerable study of the problem.

Evidence has been submitted indicating that selling these lands and facilities back to the people from whom they were taken would cut the cost of government more than one-half — an amount greater than all the income taxes paid by all the American people combined.

The evidence grows that by getting government out of direct competition with its own citizens and repealing the

individual income tax, the federal government will be solvent again, the tax paying units of society would be enormously increased, and the American people would no longer be required to pay individual income taxes and fill out form No. 1040.

So conclusive is this evidence that the State of Wyoming has formally requested the Congress to submit this question to the American people for ratification.

The "Proposed 23rd Amendment" is already pending in Congress as H. J. Resolution 23, but considerable pressure seems to be required to get Congress to consider it.

The Legislature of South Dakota held hearings on this Amendment Resolution on February 23, 1959.

In Texas this Resolution has been introduced before the Legislature as House Concurrent Resolution Number 6 by Representative Jerry Sadler.

The Indiana Legislature has the same Resolution before it as Senate Joint Resolution Number 6 introduced by Senator George McDermott.

Assemblyman Harold Levering of Los Angeles has been joined by seven of his colleagues to introduce an identical Resolution in the California Legislature as Assembly Joint Resolution Number 7.

In Illinois, where the first version of the proposed amendment was adopted in 1953, it is understood that Representative John W. Carroll has reintroduced it in the House of Representatives and

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Every State in the Union should join with the State of Wyoming by adopting identical resolutions to compel the Congress to either submit this issue directly

to the American people for ratification or call a Constitutional Convention for that purpose.

The question of how soon the "Proposed 23rd Amendment" can be added to the Constitution depends upon how well each of us exercises his power of citizenship.

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 Cast thy burden upon the Lord. *Psalms 55:22*
 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *James 4:8*
 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. *Proverbs 20:11*
 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God. *Isaiah 41:10*
 Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. *Mark 16:15*
 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. *Proverbs 3:13*
 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. *Philippians 4:13*
 Judge not, that ye be not judged. *Matthew 7:1*
 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. *Proverbs 4:23*
 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. *Psalms 19:14*
 My times are in thy hand. *Psalms 31:15*
 No man can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24*
 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! *Psalms 107:8*
 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. *I Thessalonians 5:21*
 Quench not the Spirit. *I Thessalonians 5:19*
 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. *Ecclesiastes 12:1*
 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. *Isaiah 55:6*
 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. *Isaiah 26:3*
 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. *Psalms 123:1*
 Verily there is a reward for the righteous. *Psalms 58:11*
 What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? *Micah 6:8*
 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. *Psalms 127:1*
 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. *Psalms 115:11*
 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. *Psalms 97:8*
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A TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHERS

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THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES on the second Sunday in May, public displays of the Stars and Stripes symbolizes Mother's Day, by a resolution of the United States Congress, "As a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

More intimate celebrations will occur in the homes and churches of the country, as personal tribute is paid to the mothers, past and present, who so greatly contributed to the greatness of the nation's manhood and womanhood, by self-sacrifice and devotion.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Glory to the Creator.

The achievements of men, the works of great geniuses, declare the glory of motherhood, creator of all genius.

Man boasts of his own greatness; historians record the deeds of men, while too little is said about the mothers to whom the greatness is due.

For mother is the creative force in life, the spiritual director, the inspiration. Mother, like a sculptor, models the child to represent her in the work of the world.

This moulding and modeling by the world's mothers is the real hope of civilization, and demands all the capacity, devotion, affection and usefulness in a mother's heart and character.

No man toiling at a statute, book, ambition or new idea ever works a tenth as diligently as mother in shaping the character and ability of her children.

All through the night and day, all through life, mother thinks, toils and lives for her children. Express to her your admiration of her tireless devotion and she wonders and says, "These are my children." Never, so long as she breathes, does mother forsake her children. Truly, as Washington Irving well said:

Are All the Children In?

I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh,
Of an old home on a hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom starred
Where the children played at will;
And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill,
No longer echoes to childish feet
And the yard is still, so still;
But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many years have been
Since then, I can still hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall,
On the last short earthly day,
When we say good-bye to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play;
When we step out into that Other Land,
Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
"Are all the children in?"

—Author Unknown

Mother Eulogized

"A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands, but a mother's love endures through life; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on; and still hopes that her child may turn from evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of her childhood; the opening of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy."

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Cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last earthly thought — the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven."

Adam, according to Martin Luther, called his wife Eve because the word means "The mother of all." "He did not style her wife," says Luther, "but simply mother — mother of all living creatures."

Thackeray wrote: "Mother is the name of God, in the lips and hearts of little children." Mrs. Hemans said: "In all this cold and hollow world, no fount is so deep, strong, deathless in love as the mother's heart."

Mothers of Great Men

Innumerable times men have prepared lists of the "greatest men." Yet, what is known of the mothers of these men of achievement, the creators of them, the mothers whose inspiration starts and keeps alive ambition in sons and daughters?

"All that I am my mother made me," declared John Quincy Adams.

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom," testified Henry Ward Beecher.

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Napoleon's Mother

Napoleon, whose wisdom where personal ambition was not concerned was as great as his genius, said of the French nation that he seized and used as an instrument for carrying out his will:

"France needs nothing so much to promote her regeneration as good mothers." On another occasion he said: "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."

For Napoleon had reason to be grateful to his mother, to bless her name from his birth amid war, on the island of Corsica, to his death as a prisoner of the British on the smaller island of St. Helena.

From his mother he received his mental and physical power. During the months preceding his birth she was following the fortunes of Corsica's war for freedom.

The story of Napoleon's birth relates that his mother returned one day from scenes of fighting and gave birth to the child that was destined to become the world's greatest military ruler before she had time to ascend the staircase of her home.

In his early years she cared for young Napoleon with greatest devotion. In the years of struggle and worry, when he could not rise above the low rank of lieutenant, she encouraged and helped him.

In the days of his overwhelming success and glory, when with his own hands he had crowned himself Emperor, and later when humiliated kings waited in his ante-room for a word with the great leader, his mother held herself aloof.

When the end came, after Waterloo, and her son had been caged by the British, it was to his mother that Napoleon turned. Money that she had saved for him was his only wealth.

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Mother Love

Man points with pride to his civilization, boasts of his genius in the trek from the cave to the modern home, yet it was the mothers of the race who created civilization.

The love of mothers, their care for their children, changed savage tribes into civilized settlements.

The desire of the mothers to have a safe, permanent abode for her children changed the human race from migratory hordes, wandering up and down the face of the earth, to settle populations, families firmly established in villages, towns, cities and nations.

Mothers changed the wandering, nomadic tribes, traveling nowhere in particular, fighting, hunting, wandering, into the settled communities.

Mothers tamed the wild animals, developed the grains and established a system of supplying food that leaped the terror of famine, that their children might have plenty and security.

There are in our world many beautiful things — glorious sunsets, the ocean's wide expanse, the grandeur of mountains, and the beauty of rolling plains. But of all things on earth, the most beautiful is the face of a simple-hearted mother contemplating with limitless happiness the child in her arms.

The first suggestions, lessons, impressions and thoughts we received came from mother. Our first words were

learned, our first thoughts directed on her lap.

Every man's life begins with gentleness, affection. Always a man has before him in infancy and childhood the example of unselfish kindness, imparted by his mother.

"Man, proud man, dressed in a little brief authority," has a high opinion of his own importance. But all that he is a mother has created. All that he is and infinitely more is contained in the mother's soul of which he is a product, as so beautifully set forth by William Ross Wallace:

They say that man is mighty,
He governs land and sea,
He wields a mighty scepter
O'er lesser power than he;
But a mightier power and stronger
Man from his throne has hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle,
Is the hand that rules the world.

Well may we respect our mother if we wish to respect ourselves. That which is good in our lives comes to us from our mother.

Herbert Spencer said, "The child takes most of its nature of his mother, besides speech, manners and inclination."

Millions of sons, living and dead, may say with Lord Longsdale, "If the whole world were put into one scale and my mother into the other, the world would kick the beam."

A Mother's Letter

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Whether your life be one of success or of struggle, whether rich or poor, keep God before your eyes and in your heart.

You are going out into the world, far from parents, brothers, and sisters. It will be trying for you, but you are blessed with many good qualities and my heart is confident that no harm will befall you. Commit your way unto the Lord and He will bring it to pass.

Be careful in your business associations, and particularly in forming friendships. Above all, guard your health, for that is the greatest gift on earth.

I would like to, and I could say much more to you, my dear son — but it is very distressing for me. I only say:

Travel with God, be ever cheerful and courageous, and put to good use all that you have been taught.

Though a great distance separate us, and you are far from parental care, my thought of you will never cease so long as my heart beats.

The hope that our separation will be of short duration is my only consolation.

And so, my dear son, I bid you adieu. Write frequently and let me be your confident regarding what happens to you.

Do not imbue yourself with the idea of settling down so far away from us, and let me live in the expectation of not being without you too long. Tears come to my eyes; you will therefore have to excuse my poor handwriting.

Your ever Faithful,
Mother

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us not forget that there can be no real Mother's Day unless every day in the year is Mother's Day. Let each day be filled with gratitude, affection and reverence for mother, apart from all benefits received, from all cause for gratitude.

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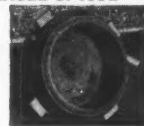
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HARP AND JAVELIN

Sermon of the Month

T. DeWitt Talmage, D.D.

"And David played with his harp as at other times, and there was a javelin in Saul's hand." 1 Samuel 18:10.

WHAT A CONTRAST! David with a harp and enraged Saul with a javelin. Who would not rather play the one than fling the other?

But that was not the only time in the world's history that harp and javelin met. Where their birthplace was, I cannot declare.

It is said that the lyre was first suggested by the tight drawing of the sinews of a tortoise across its shell, and that the flute was first suggested by the blowing of the wind across a bed of reeds, and that the ratio of musical intervals was first suggested to Pythagoras by the different hammers on the anvil of the smithy; but the harp seems to me to have dropped out of the sky and the javelin to have been thrown up from the pit.

Other instruments have louder voice, and may be better for a battle charge, but what exquisite sweetness slumbers between the harp strings, waking at the first touch of the tips of the fingers!

It can weep. It can plead. It can soothe. It can pray. The flute is more mellow, the trumpet is more startling, the organ is more majestic, the cymbals are more festive, the drum is more resounding, but the harp has a richness of its own, and will continue its mission through all time and then take part in celestial symphonies, for St. John says he heard in heaven the harps of God.

But the javelin of my text is just as old. It is about five feet and a half long, with wooden handle and steel point, keen and sharp. It belongs to the great family of death-dealers, and is brother

to sword and spear and bayonet, and first cousin to all the implements that wound and slay.

The Harp

It suggests to me music as a medicine for physical and mental disorders. David took hold of the musical instrument which he best knew how to play and evoked from it sounds which were for King Saul's diversion and medication.

Why was it a failure? Saul refused to take the medicine. A whole apothecary shop of curative drugs will do nothing toward healing your illness if you refuse to take the medicine. It was not the fault of David's prescription, but the fault of Saul's obstinacy.

Music is the mightiest force in all therapeutics. Its results may not be seen as suddenly as other forms of cure, but it is just as wonderful. You will never know how much suffering and sorrow music has assuaged and healed.

A soldier in the United States Army said that on the days the regimental band played near the hospitals all the sick and wounded revived, and men who were so lame they could not walk before got up and went out and sat in the sunshine, and those so dispirited that they never expected to get home began to pack their baggage and ask about timetables on steamboat and rail train.

Theodosius, the Emperor, wrathful at the behavior of the people of Antioch, who, on some sudden provocation, tore down the statues of Emperor and Empress, resolved severely to punish them, but the Bishop, knowing that the Emperor had a group of boys sing to him while eating at the table, taught the boys a plaintive song in which the people lamented their bad behavior, and the king, under the pathos of the music, cried out: "The city of Antioch is forgiven."

The rage of Achilles was assuaged by a harp. Asclepiades swayed rebellious multitudes by a harp.

After the battle of Yorktown, when a musician was to suffer amputation, and before the days of anesthetics, the wounded artist called for a musical instrument and lost not a note during the forty minutes of amputation.

Filippo Palmò, the great musician, confronted by an angry creditor, played so enchantingly before him that the creditor forgave the debt and gave the debtor ten guineas more to appease other creditors.

Over what keys of piano or organ consolation has walked! Yea, in church one hymn has rolled peace over a thousand of the worried, perplexed, and agonized.

At the foot of the Tower of Babel language was split into fragments never to be again put together, but one language was not hurt, and that is music, and it is the same all the world over. It is a universal language, and so good for universal cure.

When my dear friend Dio Lewis (gone to rest all too soon) conducted a campaign against drunkenness at the West, and marshalled thousands of the noblest women of the land in that magnificent campaign, and whole neighborhoods and villages and cities shut up their grogshops, do you know the chief weapon used?

It was the song:

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

They sang it at the doors of hundreds of liquor saloons which had been open for years, and either at the first charge of the campaign or the second the saloons shut up.

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ed; at the second verse they looked solemn; at the third verse they began to cry; and at the fourth verse they got down on their knees.

You say they opened their saloons again. Yes, some of them did. But it is a great thing to have hell shut up, if only for a week. Give full swing to a good Gospel hymn and it would take the whole world for God!

The Javelin of Sin

But when in my text I see Saul declining this medicine of rhythm and cadence and actually hurling a javelin at the heart of David the harpist, I bethink myself of the fact that sin would like to kill sacred music.

It is a fact that sin has a javelin for sacred sounds. In many churches the javelin of criticism has killed the music, the javelin flung from organ loft or from adjoining pew of the supersensitive.

Saul's javelin aimed at David's harp. Thousands of people are so afraid they may not sing scientifically they will not sing at all, or sing with such low tone that no one hears them.

In many a Church the javelin of criticism has crippled the harp of worship. If Satan could silence all the Sunday School songs and the hymns of Christian worship, he would gain his greatest achievement.

When the millennial song shall rise (and it is being made ready) there will be such majesty, such unanimity, such continental and hemispheric and planetary acclamation, that it will be impossible to know where earth stops and heaven begins. Roll on, roll in, roll up, thou millennial harmony!

See also in my subject a rejected opportunity of revenge. Why did not David pick up Saul's javelin and hurl it back again? Oh, David, now is your chance! No, no.

Men and women with power of tongue or pen or hand to reply to an embittered antagonist, better imitate David, and let the javelin lie at your feet and keep the harp in your hand.

Do not strike back. Do not play the game of tit-for-tat.

Gibbon, in his history, tells of Bajazet, the great Moslem general, who was brought a captive to the tent of Timur. He had attempted the massacre of Timur and his men.

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Timur said to him: "Had you vanquished us, I am not ignorant of the fate which you reserved for myself and my troops, but I disdain to retaliate. Your life and honor are secure, and I shall express my gratitude to God by my clemency to man."

Beautiful! Revenge on Christian's tongue or pen or hand is inapt, and more damage to the one who employs it than the one against whom it is employed.

What! A javelin hurled at you and fallen at your feet, and you not hurl it back again? Yes. The best thing you can do with a javelin hurled at you is to let it lie where it dropped, or hang it up in your museum as a curiosity.

The deepest wound made by a javelin is not the sharp edge, but at the dull end of the handle to him who wields it. I leave it to you to say which got the best of that fight in the palace — Saul or David.

Avoiding Danger

See also in my subject that the fact that a man avoids danger is not against his courage. When the javelin was flung, he stepped out of its direction or bent this way or that — in other words, he avoided it.

David had faults, but cowardice was not one of them. What a lesson this is to those who go into useless danger and expose their lives or their reputations or their usefulness unnecessarily!

When duty demands, go ahead, though all earth and hell oppose. Budge not one inch from the right position. But when nothing is involved, step back or step aside.

Why stand in the way of perils that you can avoid? Go not into Quixotic battles to fight windmills. You will be of more use to the world and the Church as an active Christian man than as a target for javelins.

There are Christians always in a fight. If they go into churches they fight there. If they go into presbyteries or confer-

ences or associations, they fight there. My advice to you is, if nothing is to be gained for God or the truth, stand out of the way of the javelins.

See also in my subject the unreasonable attitude of javelin towards harp. What had the harp in David's hand done to the javelin in Saul's hand.

Had the vibrating strings of the one hurt the keen edge of the other? Was there an old grudge between the two families of sweet sound and sharp cut?

Had the triangle ever insulted the polished shaft? Why the deadly aim of the destroying weapon against the instrument of soothing, calming, healing sound?

Well, I will answer that if you will tell me why the hostility of so many to the Gospel, why the virulent attacks against the Christian religion, why the angry antipathy of so many to the most genial, most inviting, most salutary influence under all the heavens.

Why will men give their lives to writing and speaking and warring against Christ and the Gospel? Why the javelin of the world's hatred and rage against the harp of heavenly love?

What has the Christian religion done that it should be so assailed? Whom hath it bitten and left with hydrophobic virus in their veins that it should sometimes be chased as though it were a maddened canine?

Javelin of wit, javelin of irony, javelin of scurrility, javelin of sophistry, javelin of human and diabolic hostility, have been flying for hundreds of years, and are flying now. But aimed at what?

At something that has come to devastate the world? At something that slays nations? At something that would maul and trample under foot and excruciate and crush the human race? No, aimed at the Gospel harp.

Oh, I like the idea of that old monument in the ancient church at Ullard, near Kilkenny, Ireland. The sculpture on that monument, though chiselled more than a thousand years ago, as appropriate today as then, the sculpture representing a harp upon a cross.

That is where I hang it now, that is where you had better hang it. Let the javelin be forever buried, the sharp edge down, but hang the harp upon the cross.

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You have to be little to belittle.

God often dries up all the "nether springs" of earthly joy, that we may betake ourselves to the "upper springs" which can never fail.

—Bonar.

The Bible is man's best mirror, into which he can look and see himself as God sees him.

—D. G. Reece.

Faith is a principle by which to live, not a problem to be solved.

One must either deny Christ, or deny himself for Christ.

Suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Neutrality in religion means surrender to the devil.

If Christ is the Way, we waste time traveling any other.

The greatest thief is the person who would rob you of the truth.

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The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

Not to help a child to know the saving power of Christ is to hold back a man from salvation.

—Maltbie Babcock.

Some people are more concerned about "deals" than ideals.

God bless my mother; all I am or hope to be I owe to her.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Mother's chair had rocked the whole family. It had made a creaking noise as it moved, but there was music in its sound. It was just high enough to allow us children to put our heads into her lap. That was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. Oh, what a chair it was ... It was a very wakeful chair! In the sick day of children other chairs could not keep awake — it kept easily awake. That chair knew all the old lullabies, and all those wordless songs which mothers sing to their children. Songs in which all pity and compassion and sympathetic influences are combined. That old chair has stopped rocking for a good many years. It may be set up in the loft or garret, but it holds a queenly power yet.

—DeWitt Talmage.

Motherhood should never be classed as a career. Law, medicine, banking, or what not in no way out-class this great calling.

Man may make riches, but riches never makes a man.

Holiness is not popular in a world of sin and wickedness, but it will be eternally popular in heaven.

It takes a baby two years to learn to talk and from fifty to seventy-five years to learn to keep his mouth shut.

Many people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually.

—Woodrow Wilson.

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.

Many who say "Our Father" on Sunday spend the rest of the week acting like orphans.

A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice.

While we often grumble because we can't have what we want, we should be thankful that often times we don't get what we deserve.

Sin is a clinched fist, and its object is the face of God.

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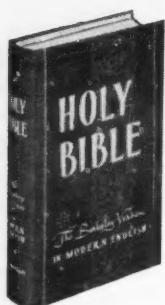
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Dr. Verkuyl

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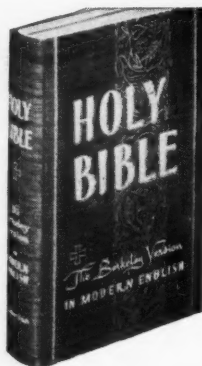
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I will fear no harm; for Thou art with me:
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my adversaries;
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"WELL, WHAT NEWS?" inquired Satan, looking up with an expression of inquiry on his face. "Great! the very best!" responded the Prince of Alaska, who had just entered.

"Have any of the Eskimos heard yet?" questioned the eager leader, his eyes fastened on the fallen angels. "Not one!" answered the Prince, bowing low. "No, indeed, not a single individual. I have seen to that," he continued, as though gloating over a recent victory.

"Any attempts?" questioned his lord in a tone of authority. "Have any attempted to get in?" "That they have, but their efforts were foiled before they got a word of the language!" replied the Prince, a note of triumph in his voice.

"How? Tell me. How came it?" Satan was all attention now.

"Why," began the Prince, "I was roaming back and forth within my domains, having penetrated far into the Arctic Circle in order to visit one of the most isolated tribes, when suddenly I was amazed to hear that two missionaries were on their way from across the water, that they had landed, and with their dog sleighs were already well into the heart of my kingdom, Alaska, making for a large tribe of Eskimo just within the Arctic Circle".

"Yes, and what didst thou do?" broke in Satan, impatient to hear the climax.

"First of all, I gathered together the hosts of darkness under my command and held a council. Many suggestions were made. Finally it was agreed that the easiest way was to freeze them to death.

"Finding that they were that day leaving for the distant tribe and that it would in all probability take them a full month to cross the frozen ice fields that intervened, we at once began operations.

"With hearts burdened to make the Message known, they started. Manfully they 'mushed' along. But when about a week out, suddenly one day their food sleigh ran over thin ice, which broke beneath its weight, and was almost immediately lost.

"Weary and tired, they bravely plodded on only to realize that they were in a helpless condition, and still over three weeks from their destination. They were new to the great Northland, and were no match for it.

"Finally, when they were out of food, tired and weary in body, and almost ready to give up, I gave the word of command, and in a short time the wind began to blow a hurricane, the snow came down in a blinding blizzard, and

before morning, thanks to the fact that thou, O my lord, art the Prince of the Powers of the Air, they were cold and stiff in death."

"Excellent! Splendid! Thou didst serve me well," commented the fallen cherub, with a gratified expression on his once beautiful countenance.

The Prince of Tibet

"And what hast thou to report?" he continued, turning to the Prince of Tibet, who had listened with evident satisfaction to the conversation.

"I was attending to my duties in the heart of Tibet," explained the Prince, "when news reached me of a Society organized specially to get the Gospel to my kingdom. Thou mayest well know, my lord, that I was at once on the alert. I called my forces together to discuss the whole situation, and we presently agreed on a plan that promised success.

"With great determination, two men sent out by the Society traveled across China and boldly passing over the border, entered the Forbidden Land. We allowed them to advance about three days' journey, and then, just as it was growing dark, two savage dogs, such as are found all over the country, sprang upon them.

"Most desperately they fought for their lives, but finally one was dragged down and killed. The other, protected by invisible forces which we were unable to overcome, somehow escaped."

"Escaped!" cried Satan, making a hideous gesture. "Escaped! Did he get the Message to them?"

"No, my lord," responded the Prince of Tibet, in a tone of assurance. "He had no chance. Before he could learn a word of the language, our hosts had him set upon by the natives themselves. He was quickly tried and sentenced.

"Oh, it was a scene that would have filled your majesty with delight. They sewed him up in a wet yak skin and put him out in the sun to bake. For three days he remained there, his bones slow-

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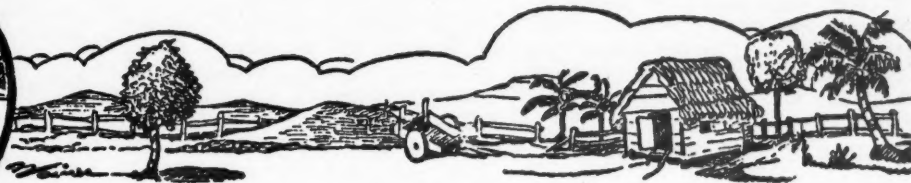
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ly cracking as the skin shrank, until finally life ceased."

The room had been filling fast while the Prince of Tibet was speaking, and at the conclusion of his report, a great cheer rose from the entire assembly, while all bowed to the majestic figure of Satan, still beautiful, in spite of the ravages of sin.

The Prince of Afghanistan

"And what hast thou to report?" he asked, turning to another fallen angel. "Art thou still master of Afghanistan, my Prince?"

"That I am, Your Majesty," replied the one addressed, "though were it not for my faithful followers, I doubt if it would be so."

"Ah! Has an attempt been made on thy domains also?" exclaimed Satan in a loud voice.

"Yes, my lord," responded the Prince. "But listen and I will tell all."

With a wave of his hand for silence, he began: "We watched their advance; there were four of them — all zealous to make Him known.

"Thou knowest, my lord, of the sign that meets the travelers just inside the border of my kingdom. It reads as follows: 'It is absolutely forbidden to cross this border into Afghanistan territory'.

"Well, they knelt down around it and prayed, but, in spite of this, our valiant forces prevailed. Fifty feet from the sign, on a pile of rocks, sits an Afghan guard, rifle in hand.

"After praying, the little company stepped boldly over the border and entered the Forbidden Land.

"The guard allowed them to advance twenty paces, then, like a flash of lightning, three shots were fired and three of the company lay on the ground, two of them dead, the third wounded.

"His comrade hastily dragged the wounded man back to the border, where, after a short sickness, he died, while he himself lost heart and fled from the country."

Prolonged cheering followed this recital, and great joy filled every heart, Satan's most of all, for was he not still in possession of the Closed Lands, and had he not triumphed on every field?

The Message, thanks to his countless hordes, had still been kept out, nor had the dreaded Name yet been heard.

Satan Speaks

"Wilt thou not tell us, oh, thou mighty one, why thou art so anxious to keep the knowledge from these our empires? Knowest thou not that the kingdoms of the Prince of India, the Prince of China and His Royal Highness the Prince of Africa, are being invaded by strong forces, and that men are turning to Christ every day?"

"Ah, yes, full well I know. But listen all, and I will explain why I am so jealous for the Closed Lands," answered Satan, while all bent forward to hear.

"There are several prophecies, perhaps best summed up in this one," he began, "which reads as follows:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

"Now it is very clear," he continued in a low tone, "that God is visiting the Gentiles, 'to take out of them a people for his name.' and 'after this,' He says,

'I will return'; and the Great Commission implies that disciples are to be made from among all nations.

"Now," he exclaimed with indignation "Jesus Christ cannot return to reign until every nation has heard the Good News, for it reads, 'I beheld a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues.' (Revelation 7:9)

"Hence, it matters not how many missionaries are sent to countries already evangelized, nor how many converts are made, for not until the message of the Gospel has been proclaimed in Alaska, Tibet, Afghanistan and our other domains, where it has never yet been heard, will He return to reign."

"Then," broke in the Prince of French Indo-China, "if we can keep every messenger out of the Closed Lands, we can prevent His coming to reign on the earth and so frustrate the purposes of the Most High."

"And that we will," cried the proud Prince of Cambodia. "Only the other day," he continued, "a missionary himself wrote saying, 'At this time we do not know of a single Cambodian who has a saving knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ.' We will see to it, your majesty, that not one escapes."

"That is good," said Satan. "Let us be even more vigilant and frustrate every attempt to enter the Closed Lands."

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In a few minutes they were all present. From the uttermost parts they came — mighty fallen angels, dignitaries, princes, captains, world rulers of the darkness of this age — in countless multitudes they gathered around their lord, who stood with pent-up rage in their midst.

Silence, silence like the silence of death, reigned. Presently Satan spoke:

The Prince of Alaska

"Prince of Alaska, stand thou forth!"

Trembling and afraid, with a shrinking form unlike his appearance of fifty years before, he approached his dread monarch.

"Prince of Alaska," inquired Satan, "have they entered yet?"

"Yes; my lord, they have," slowly responded the Prince, with a look of fear, hardly raising his eyes.

"How! What!" thundered Satan, scarcely able to control himself. "Why didst thou not better guard my empire?"

"We did our best, your majesty, but it was all of no avail. Word somehow got back; the frozen bodies of the first two were discovered. It set the whole church on fire.

"Others ventured. Several were destroyed. More grew discouraged and turned back. But finally, in spite of all we could do, they got through.

"Guarded and protected by legions of angels, they entered and stayed; nor could we drive them out. And today, there are hundreds of Eskimos in the Kingdom of God, while thousands have heard the Tidings!"

The scene that followed beggars all description. Satan fumed and fairly belabored out his rage. The very air seemed alive with a million spirits. His leading princes cowed before him and

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sought to get away from his terrible eyes.

"Prince of Tibet, stand thou forth!" roared the enraged fiend, a moment later.

"Thou hast a better report to give, I hope," he continued, as that renowned leader stepped forward.

"No, my lord, I have fared but little better," answered the Prince.

"What!" stormed Satan. "Have any heard the Name in thy domain, O Prince?"

"No power at my disposal could prevent it," responded the Prince quietly. "We did our best. All our forces toiled day and night to overcome them.

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"Protected by legions of angels, he lived. Dogs were turned on them. We filled the priests with deadly hatred towards them. Pitfalls were laid for them on every side.

"Starvation methods were adopted. Disease did its part. But it was useless. On and on they pressed, until, today, there are scores of Tibetans lost to us forever, and thousands of others have heard the News. Far and wide, witness has been borne."

At that, Satan's rage knew no bounds. Without a moment's delay, he turned and gave his final command:

"Prince of Afghanistan, stand thou forth!"

There was a moment's hesitation; then, with slow steps and downcast eyes, the one addressed responded, and stood trembling before his sovereign.

"Prince of Afghanistan," began Satan again, "thou hast guarded well my domains. Shouldst thou also fail me, I know not where to turn."

There was no reply. Silence held the great audience spellbound.

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"They have, my lord."

"Prince of Afghanistan," exclaimed the fiend, springing forward with fury in every expression, "hast thou not been true?"

"Yes, my lord, I have, but it was no use. We did our best. Up until a year ago, not a soul heard. Then two young men were sent by that Pioneer Society, and —"

"Curse them!" broke in Satan.

"The whole church prayed," continued the Prince. "They all seem to know that He will not come to reign

until the Gospel has been preached in every tongue.

"Angels guarded. Oh, yes, we fought, but could not withstand them. On they came, and a week ago one man accepted the Christ and several others have already heard."

"And now, roared Satan, "all is lost! Thousands have been saved in India and China, but the news I have just heard is the worst of all.

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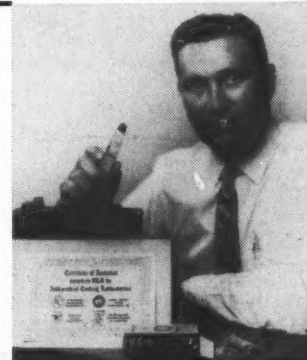
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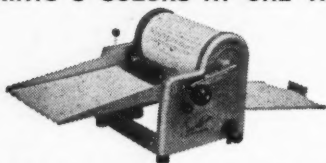
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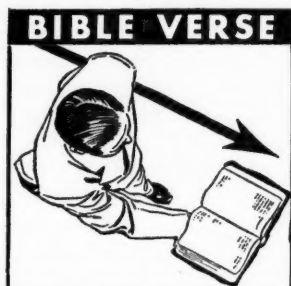
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SOLOMON THE KING

1 Kings 9:1-9



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Anointed king before David's death, he began his reign well, considering the age in which he lived. One of his greatest mistakes, however, was in choosing a heathen king's daughter for his wife.

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LESSON NUMBER TWO

May 24, 1959

A HOUSE DIVIDED

I Kings 12:12-20

BIBLE VERSE



Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

MATTHEW 12:25

The Key Word: Rehoboam

This son of Solomon ascended to the throne of his father at the age of forty-one, reigning over his people for seven-teen years.

The scriptures give few details concerning the personal life of this ruler, except to say that he had eighteen wives, sixty concubines, twenty-eight sons, and sixty daughters. These statistics do not speak very well of a man who had an opportunity to set a right example for his people.

Basically, Rehoboam was an admitted failure. And there were several reasons why this statement can be made.

First, he failed to accept the opportunity to take the pathway to success. In his case, opportunity knocked only once. A second chance never came his way.

Second, Rehoboam scorned the advice of men of experience, preferring instead to listen to close friends, younger cronies who spoke only words they knew would please him.

Third, Rehoboam was a wilful man. As king of Israel, he insisted on having his own way. A selfish streak also evidenced itself in his actions, for he refused to even consider the wishes and needs of others.

Fourth, Rehoboam forgot God, refusing to even take him into consideration. God had warned Rehoboam of the consequences of such folly, but the king scoffed.

And fifth, Rehoboam was so short-sighted he did not realize that his wilful selfishness would lead to the eventual loss of his kingdom. Let us all take care that we do not allow the mistakes of Rehoboam to become our own.

The Key Verses: I Kings 12:13-14

"And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; And spake to them after the counsel of the young men."

We are often approached by those who trust us for advice and counsel. It is a very serious matter to have a part in an important decision another human being makes.

We should realize that the results of the decision, whatever it is, will sometimes influence many lives across many years.

We also need to appreciate the fact that the person seeking our opinions will have to bear the responsibility for the decision which is made, even though we may guide him in arriving at it.

If it is a wrong choice, he will suffer from it most of all; we who have advised the decision may remain in the background and escape censure.

Just because of this fact, a Christian must be particularly careful to give the most honest, judicious, and comprehensive consideration to the problem upon which his advice is requested.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said: "They that will not be counselled, cannot be helped. If you do not hear reason, she will rap you on the knuckles." — *Standard Commentary*

The Key Fact: Pride Is A Disease

Pride is the most peculiar disease known to the human family. It makes everyone else sick but the person who has it! In all scripture it is insistently characterized as evil, whereas humility is always exalted as a virtue.

Pride is constantly forgetful of the blessings which come from God. Pride is ugly and offensive in the sight of man and is repeatedly condemned by God as a serious sin.

Pride is perilous to a very high degree; it "goeth before destruction". It begets a false confidence; this begets an unweariness, and leads into the place of danger; then comes the fall.

Sometimes it is in health; at other times it is in business; or it may be in office or in power. There is no field of human thought and action in which pride is not a most dangerous guide.

On the other hand, "honor shall uphold the humble in spirit". A humble man does not seek honor, but by his life and actions he unconsciously attains it.

Genuine humility is admired by all. It is the adornment of the Christian. It graces the upright with a beauty no other quality can produce. — *W. G. Heslop*

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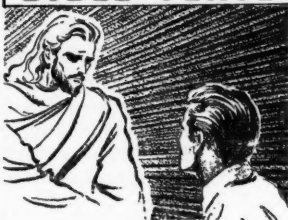
LESSON NUMBER THREE

May 31, 1959

ELIJAH, DISCOURAGED WARRIOR

I Kings 19:9-18

BIBLE VERSE



Psalm 27:1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The Key Word: Elijah

Elijah is one of the most dramatic characters of Old Testament history. Rugged in appearance and dress, he is a prototype of John the Baptist.

Three times during his life he was Divinely supplied with food . . . by the ravens, by the miraculous increase of the widow's provisions, and by an angel.

A fearless reformer, he was a mighty man of prayer, and led by God to rebuke even kings.

Elijah was used as an instrument for the performance of several miracles. He pronounced a drought over all Israel, which lasted for three years.

He multiplied the meal and oil supplies of the widow; her son was restored to life; the sacrifice he offered on Mount Carmel before the prophets of Baal was consumed by a Divine fire; another flame from heaven later took the lives of fifty-one of the king's men; the drought was broken; and the waters of the Jordan were divided, allowing him and Elisha to walk over on dry ground.

In our lesson for today we see this mighty prophet, however, yielding for an instant to discouragement. He was, after all, mortal and not infallible.

To show Elijah how foolish were his fears, how exaggerated his sense of doom, God told him there were still seven thousand faithful servants of Him in Israel.

Everyone seemed to have forsaken God, but this was not the case! None seemed to be following Jehovah, but seven thousand were! Thus should Elijah's despair minister to our determination, and his hopelessness encourage us to hope.

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The Key Verse: I Kings 19:9

"And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?"

We should notice that God asked the same question of Elijah twice (verses nine and thirteen). That He did so was a measure of His grace and the evidence of His compassion.

That Elijah answered in the same words was the measure of his fear and the evidence of his lack of faith.

God did not question Elijah for His own information; for He already knew why Elijah was there. Perhaps He asked in order that Elijah, by answering, might look into his own heart and see that he had lost his faith.

After the first answer, God sent the wind, the earthquake, the fire, and the whisper of assuring love in order that Elijah might have fresh evidence of God's power and presence to reinforce his wavering will.

Then He asked the question again. Still Elijah could not lose his desperate discouragement. Later, however, when he was busy again in God's service, he exhibited the same zeal and courage that had marked him earlier as God's prophet. — *Standard Commentary*

The Key Fact: God, Not Locale, Brings Success

Did you ever notice that when the Lord told the discouraged fishermen to cast their nets again, it was right in that same old place where they had been working all night and had caught nothing?

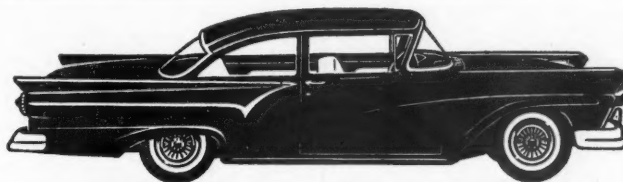
If we could only go off to some new place every time we get discouraged, trying again would be an easier thing, so we perhaps think.

Or, if we could be somebody else, or go somewhere else, or do something else, it might not be hard to have fresh faith and courage; but it is the same old net in the same old pond for most of us.

The old temptations are to be overcome, the old faults to be conquered, the old trials and discouragements before which we failed yesterday to be faced again today.

We must win success where we are if we win it at all, and it is the Master Himself Who, after all these toils, disheartening efforts that we call failures, bids us to try again.

And thus it was with Elijah. His courage failed, his calm deserted him and he fled to the wilderness to crawl under a bush. But God pointed out to him the road to success.



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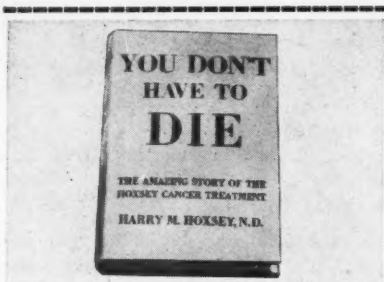
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LESSON NUMBER FOUR

June 7, 1959

ELISHA DENOUNCES ABAB

I Kings 21:1-7, 17-20

BIBLE VERSE



Jeremiah 22:13. Woe unto him
that buildeth his house by un-
righteousness.

The Key Word: Evil

In the lesson for today we find the records of two very evil persons exposed ... Ahab and Jezebel. From their experiences we can learn that as Christians, we are expected to oppose evil fearlessly, having confidence in the final triumph of right.

God rules in human affairs. Though evil may seem to triumph today, it will be vanquished and punished tomorrow.

All through the Bible we find scriptures to substantiate this philosophy:

"The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." (Psalm 34:16)

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37:9)

Job, one of the most ancient of sages, wrote many centuries ago: "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." (Job 28:28)

Solomon, one of the wisest men to walk the face of the earth, recommended to his readers: "Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:27)

Paul spoke with authority on the subject of evil. Before his conversion he had, in all sincerity, been guilty of many gross sins. But after the Damascus Road experience, he wrote to fellow-Christians as follows:

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." (Romans 12:9)

Later in writing to the Thessalonians, he laid down the ideal example Christians should set, by saying: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:22)

The Key Verse: I Kings 21:20

"And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord."

This question, as set forth by Ahab, was most revealing. Elijah seemed to be his enemy because he spoke God's words of condemnation.

He accused the king of murder and robbery; he pronounced the message of impending doom. But he was speaking the truth and this truth did temporarily reach Ahab's heart so that he repented of his sin. (Note I Kings 21:27-29)

Ahab's real enemy was his wicked wife, Jezebel. She advised him to be proud and arrogant, she devised ways of legal murder so he could gain his ends, she gave him the natural desires of his evil heart.

The granting of "what we want" may be the very worst thing that could happen to us. The rugged and righteous Elijah, as stern as truth itself, and as unyielding as flint, was really his friend, for he revealed the true nature of his heart to him. — *Standard Commentary*

The Key Fact: Greed Is Powerful

If the consequences had not been so tragic, the story of Ahab's greedy effort to get Naboth's vineyard would be comic.

Imagine a king, with all his possessions, who would go to bed sick with greed. He sulked like a small child simply because there was something he wanted which he could not get.

Perhaps the worst victim of greed is the greedy person himself. Nothing he possesses can ever bring him pleasure, for it is always that which is just beyond his reach upon which his attention centers.

He is like the farmer who said, "I only want the land immediately adjacent to mine." To achieve the farmer's goal would ultimately require that he possess the whole world.

One farmer always took the blue ribbon at the county fair with his fat hogs. It was assumed that he had some special mixture of feed, but no one could discover what it was.

Finally, his secret was discovered. He would feed his hogs as long as they would eat. Then he would put a half-starved shoat in with them. When the hogs saw the shoat eating, their greedy instincts were aroused and they, too, went back to the trough to eat some more.

Like the hogs of this story, a man with a greedy instinct never gets enough. — *Broadman Comments*

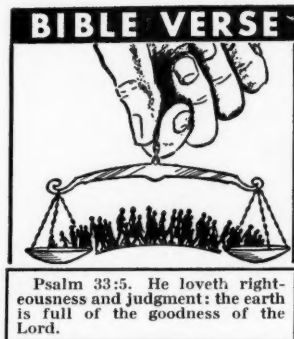
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LESSON NUMBER FIVE

June 14, 1959

NAAMAN, A LEPROUS CAPTAIN

II Kings 5:1-5, 7-15



The Key Word: Leper

Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases known to man. It especially attacks the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes, and is often very painful.

As a rule, leprosy is not fatal, but it is the most chronic disease known today. It weakens the body until it falls prey to other diseases such as gangrene, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Contrary to general belief, leprosy is very difficult to contract, and is considered one of the least infectious of diseases. This explains why today there are only five to ten million cases of it in the world.

Most important, the disease is not inherited. It thrives where living conditions are primitive, food is scarce, and sanitation is very bad.

Leprosy is most widespread in hot, damp climates. It is especially prevalent among crowded populations as in China, India, tropical Africa, and large parts of Latin America.

More than eighty per cent of all cases of leprosy, it is believed, develop in childhood before the age of fifteen. Children are more susceptible than adults. Women are more resistant to the disease than men.

Under the Mosaic law, a leper was excluded from the society of men, forced to wear mourning clothes, rend his costume, leave the hair of his head disordered, keep the beard covered and cry "Unclean! Unclean!" that everyone might avoid him for fear of being defiled. As long as the disease lasted, he was to dwell apart, without the camp.

The Key Verse: II Kings 5:1

"Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper."

This verse presents us with a picture of success, of achievement, of eminence, only to dash it with the "but" of despair and dejection.

Naaman was a man of military distinction — a "captain of the host"; he was one who stood high in the favor of his monarch, he was one whom God had blessed and was, in addition, a man of matchless courage. Then there comes that ominous, leaden, "but." But he was a leper.

To what avail the power and prestige, to what purpose the popularity and applause? Beneath the awesome insignia of his high rank, under the robes of regal splendor and rich estate, his body was ravaged by a loathsome and incurable disease.

Amidst all the buoyancy of a victorious life, he carried within himself the implacable messenger of impending death.

"A great man — but — a leper." Every man is great and marvelous — but a sinner who is lost unless redeemed by the grace of almighty God. — *Standard Commentary*

The Key Fact: Leprosy, A Type Of Sin

Naaman's leprosy was like sin, for sin afflicts the weak and the mighty, the small and the great, the Syrian and the Israelite, and even those who, like Naaman, are used of the Lord. (Romans 3:23)

Sin is not limited to any one people, or nation, or race. We know that everyone is a sinner because God knows, and He tells us in His Word, or book, the Bible, that all have sinned. Having sinned, everyone is condemned to die. (Romans 6:23)

Sometimes in a newspaper we see the picture of a convicted criminal who is condemned to die. "He looks like a criminal," we say to ourselves.

The Bible tells us that all people are convicted and condemned to a fate worse than physical death.

Naaman had one advantage, however; he knew he had leprosy. Many people find it hard to believe in Christ as their Saviour because they do not realize they are sinners, condemned to die unless they are forgiven. — *Standard Commentary*

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